

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Randy Harold Pope of Decatur County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Randy Harold Pope; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, a native of Parsons, Randy Pope graduated in 1973 from Riverside High School, where he excelled on the school's baseball and football teams, and where he was even then a leader and much loved by many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope lived and worked in Decatur County for two decades, ever caring for and helping others, finally becoming so popular and well-respected that in 1994 he was elected County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope, a tireless public servant, served with considerable acumen and alacrity as Decatur County Clerk from 1994 until his death, in which position he earned the respect of his peers in the Courthouse and across the State for the exemplary quality of his work and cheerful service; and

WHEREAS, Randy Pope was an active and devout Christian and a member of the Corinth Baptist Church for fourteen years, which he served with his carpentry and painting skills and faithfully led as a deacon and a mission volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope glorified God through song, as he was a member of the popular Southern Harmony Quartet that sang at many area churches and beyond; and

WHEREAS, a well-versed man of many interests, Randy Pope was an avid outdoorsman and a member of the Turkey Federation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope was especially deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of thirty-two years, Gwen Pope; his daughter and son-in-law, Kellie and Brad Moore; his mother and step-father, Melba and Gordon Tillman; his sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Johnny Maxwell; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Christie Pope, Bobby Pope, and Daryl and Renee Pope; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Janice and Max L. Strawn and Sharon and Johnny Bell; his three grandchildren, Brady, Rylee, and Kara; and several nieces and nephews and countless cousins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pope also left behind friends beyond number, a county that misses him greatly, and a State that is poorer for his passing; and

WHEREAS, Randy Pope leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Randy Harold Pope, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the Christian life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the entire family of Mr. Pope and to his many friends and that we give thanks to Almighty God for the most Honorable Randy Pope.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.